

STATEMENT

Insurance Association of Connecticut

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

**SB 190, An Act Concerning A Four-Hour Accident
Prevention Course For Older Drivers**

The Insurance Association of Connecticut (IAC) is opposed to SB 190, An Act Concerning A Four-Hour Accident Prevention Course For Older Drivers. SB 190 seeks to limit the authority of the Commissioner of Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) by establishing the standard length of time for accident prevention courses for older drivers.

Currently the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) sets the standards for all driving courses, including the safe driving course for older drivers. That authority should remain with DMV. There is no demonstrated reason why the authority to establish the proper duration for the accident prevention course for older drivers should be removed from DMV or reduced to four hours. The current requirement for the course approved by DMV is seven hours. DMV is in the best position to determine the proper number of hours that are needed to provide an adequate level of training to educate and reduce an operator's exposure to loss. The DMV has established the proper level of training is seven hours. There is no demonstrated reason why that standard is wrong and should be reduced.

The IAC respectfully requests your rejection of SB 190 and leave the determination of the length of the safe driving course with DMV.

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